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REMARKS

Claims 2-14, 17-36, and 38-39 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Claim 15 is amended to include all of the limitations of the previous Claims 2 and 14, from which it previously depended. These amendments are, therefore, fully supported by the original claims and the specification as originally filed, for example for the purposes of illustration only, and not by means of any limitation, at paragraph [0194] ("the actuators of each movement facilitation device remain completely independent of one another"); at paragraph [0374] ("system is designed to move individual joints of the hand independently"); and at paragraph [0406] ("This structure allows telescopic and independent activation of all joints"). As such, no new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's finding of Claim 37 as being allowable, and of Claims 15 and 16 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the previous Claims 2 and 14, from which it previously depended. Claim 16 depends from Claim 15, and is currently unamended.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 21-23, 25, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cencer. (US 6,312,398). Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 21-23, 25, and 27-29 have been canceled, rendering their rejection moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-5, 8-9, 17, 19, 21-23, 26-32, and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mavroidis et al. (US 6,379,393). Claims 2-5, 8-9, 17, 19, 21-23, 26-32, and 34-36 have been canceled, rendering their rejection moot.

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With the present amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application has been placed in a condition ready for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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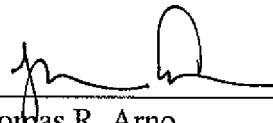
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